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WILLIAM PRICE PALMER was the son of Charles Palmer and Miss Lewis, and was born August 14, 1821, in Richmond, Va. He was educated at Berkeley's Academy, Hanover county, and the University of Virginia. He graduated in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania about the year 1844, and completed his medical education in a hospital in Baltimore. Dr. Palmer was an original member of the Howitzers, and served with them during the John Brown raid. During a part of the active service of the company, he filled the rank of captain. He was subsequently surgeon at Camp Lee and other posts in or about Richmond. As the original compiler and editor of the "Calendar of State Papers" he began a work of the greatest value. Before completing the fifth volume, his health failed. Besides this public work, Dr. Palmer contributed for many years a series of papers on local historical subjects, to the *Richmond Times*. These papers are of great interest and learning. He served for many years as a member of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Historical Society, and was at the time of his death one of its Vice-Presidents. He took a profound interest in its work, serving for some time as its Corresponding Secretary. At his death he left the Society a valuable gift of books and papers. Dr. Palmer was an accomplished conversationalist, and of great social charm. He was a man of sterling integrity, and of strong convictions. In his death, Virginia lost a devoted son, the South an unswerving champion, and the Virginia Historical Society one of its most zealous, learned and capable members.

AURELIUS SALLE WATKINS was the son of Rev. Henry W. Watkins and Judith, his wife, and was born in the county of Powhatan about 1841, and died in Richmond, Va., March 7th, 1896. In early life he made a trip around the world, as a paymaster's clerk in the navy. During the late war he was a member of Company F, from Richmond. As a member of the firms of Watkins, Cottrell & Co. and Cottrell, Watkins & Co., he was a valuable factor in the business life of Richmond. Mr. Watkins was a man of strong social disposition, and of unusual charm of personality. In any society in which he appeared his presence was felt. His geniality, kindness of heart, humor, gayety, and quick intelligence endeared him to all with whom he was intimately thrown.

JOHN POPE was born in May, 1856, in New York city, of German parentage. When about fourteen years of age he secured a position with an express company in New York, and was assigned to duty as a package deliverer. At that time Major Lewis Ginter, who had left Richmond and settled in New York, was engaged in the banking business, and the lad had occasion to call at his office to deliver packages. His brightness impressed Major Ginter, and when the latter, in 1871,